

**GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP)  
EVALUATION CRITERIA  
TEXAS 2005**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location County (50% or more of Offered Acres) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Administrative County (FSA) \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acres Offered \_\_\_\_\_  
 Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Non Urban \_\_\_\_\_

**RANKING CRITERIA**

**Points Awarded**

1. Offer is an existing grazing or haying operation.
  - Yes (400 pts) \_\_\_\_\_
  - No (Zero pts) ..... \_\_\_\_\_
2. County Priority (Threat of Conversion):
  - High Priority (125pts) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Medium Priority (25 pts) ..... \_\_\_\_\_
3. Offer is predominately **native** grassland or shrublands (Biodiversity)
  - Yes (100 pts) \_\_\_\_\_
  - No (Zero pts) ..... \_\_\_\_\_
4. Location Significance to Permanently Protected Grassland:
  - Offered Acres are within 1 mile (20 pts) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Offered Acres are between 1 mile and 3 miles (10 pts) ..... \_\_\_\_\_
5. Enrollment Option: (select one)
 

• Permanent Easement	50 Points	_____
• 30-Year Easement	30 Points	_____
• 30-Year Rental Agreement	30 Points	_____
• 20-Year Rental Agreement	20 Points	_____ .....
• 15-Year Rental Agreement	10 Points	_____
• 10-Year Rental Agreement	5 Points	_____
6. Restoration not needed (50 pts) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature

Date

3/11/05

## **GRP PRIORITY COUNTIES TEXAS 2005**

**High Priority Counties** - County is located in one of the states traditionally significant grassland areas or locations of critical need based on the threat of conversion or biodiversity of plant or wildlife populations.

Andrews	Comal	Harrison	McClennan	Sommerville
Angelina	Cooke	Hartley	Medina	Starr
Aransas	Coryell	Hays	Midland	Swisher
Austin	Dallam	Hemphill	Milam	Taylor
Bailey	Dawson	Hidalgo	Montague	Terry
Bandera	Denton	Hill	Montgomery	Titus
Bastrop	Donley	Hood	Morris	Tom Green
Bell	Ector	Hunt	Nacogdoches	Travis
Bexar	El Paso	Jackson	Navarro	Trinity
Blanco	Ellis	Jeff Davis	Nueces	Upshur
Bosque	Erath	Jefferson	Ochiltree	Uvalde
Brazoria	Falls	Jim Wells	Palo Pinto	Victoria
Brazos	Fannin	Johnson	Parker	Walker
Brewster	Fayette	Jones	Polk	Waller
Brown	Fort Bend	Kaufman	Potter	Washington
Burnet	Gaines	Kendall	Presidio	Webb
Caldwell	Galveston	Kerr	Raines	Wharton
Calhoun	Gillespie	Lamar	Randall	Wheeler
Callahan	Goliad	Lampasas	Refugio	Wichita
Cameron	Gonzales	Lavaca	Roberts	Willacy
Chambers	Gray	Liberty	Rockwall	Williamson
Clay	Grayson	Limestone	Sabine	Wise
Cochran	Gregg	Lipscomb	San Augustine	Yoakum
Collin	Grimes	Llano	San Patricio	Zapata
Collingsworth	Guadalupe	Lubbock	Shackelford	
Colorado	Hall	Madison	Smith	

**Medium Priority Counties** - All counties not listed as high

**INSTRUCTIONS  
GRP EVALUATION WORKSHEET  
TEXAS - 2005**

**HEADING**

Applicant Name - Enter the name of landowner that will sign the easement or rental agreement document. Legal power of attorney is acceptable.

Farm No. and Tract No. - Enter the numbers if known. If unknown leave blank. An offer can contain multiple farm and/or tract numbers.

Location County - County where the majority of offered acres physically exist.

Administrative County - County where landowner's FSA records are located.

**Eligibility:** Land offered must be privately owned and the offer must be at least 40 contiguous acres in size unless a waiver is granted by the State Conservationist

**RANKING CRITERIA**

1. To award points, the offer must be for land that is an existing livestock grazing or haying operation that is established to perennial vegetation. Grazing land that is currently destocked because of drought or other temporary reason will qualify for the points. If this answer is "No" zero points will be awarded.
2. Refer to the document entitled "GRP PRIORITY COUNTIES TEXAS 2004" dated 6/21/04. If the location county is any of the listed counties award points for "High Priority". If not listed award points for "Medium Priority". The FSA administrative county is not considered in determining points.
3. Predominately native grassland or shrubland means that more than 50% of the offered acres are in native vegetation. Restored grazing land including expired CRP land that was planted to more than 50% native grasses and/or forbs is considered predominately native grassland.
4. Location Significance: Refers to offered acres that are in close proximity to other **grassland** that is permanently protected. The permanently protected areas will provide greater opportunity for increased biodiversity.

**Eligible Permanently Protected Grassland Areas**

- Bureau of Reclamation (Lakes)
- Corps of Engineers (Lakes)

- State Wildlife Management Areas
- Bureau of Land Management Land
- Texas State Parks
- National Parks
- Nature Conservancy Land
- Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Land (Easement filed)
- National Wildlife Refuges
- National Grasslands

**Land Not Eligible as Permanently Protected Areas (May not be permanent or is not grassland)**

- Texas Department of Criminal Justice lands
- University of Texas lands
- Texas General Land Office lands
- Military Bases
- State Forests
- National Forests

5. Enrollment Option - Select one of the six options. Award points associated with the selected option.
6. Restoration Agreement not needed. Award points in this category if NRCS determines that restoration is not necessary. If restoration is needed on any part of the offered acres (even if landowner agrees to do the work non cost share) points can not be awarded.

Landowner Signature - This signature should be the same as the signature that will on the easement deed or rental agreement. At least one landowner's signature is required on both the application and evaluation worksheet. All landowner signatures will be required on the easement or rental agreement if funded.